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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated January 15, 2010, for which a response is due on February 15, 2010, and the Non-Final Office Action, dated October 2, 2009, for which a response was due on January 2, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.